

Grace, Peace, Enriched

1 Cor 1:3-6

Paul reminds Christians in Corinth of:

1. Authority
2. Relationship
3. Position
4. Identification

Mac: *...all sin is inconsistent with who we are in Jesus Christ. The new person is conformed to the image of Christ. Because He is holy, we are holy, we are saints. Because we are in Christ, we should act like Christ. We should never think anything He would not think, say anything He would not say, or do anything He would not do. Because He is holy our lives should be holy. That is the foundation of Christian living.*

1 Corinthians 1:3

Grace: 170 times

Paul starts and ends epistles with grace.

2 Pet. 3:17-18 ...But grow in grace,

The energizing power and supernatural desire to do the will of God.

Dynamic force of the living God that enables me...

John 1:17 Only given to those who have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ

Acts 4:33 Power to witness

Eph.2:8,9 Can't be saved without it

Acts 20:32 ... *able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.*

Rom. 5:20 Victory over sin

Rom. 12:6 Gives ability to use spiritual gift.

1 Cor.3:10 Gives ability to actively serve

1 Cor.15:10 Gives strength to serve God

2 Cor 9:8 *And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; ...*

2 Cor.12:9 Gives strength to go through trials.

Effective ministry Eph. 3:7

Enables to preach Eph. 3:8

Affects ability to sing Col. 3:16

Be strong in His Grace: 2 Tim 2:1

Power in prayer...get help from God Heb 4:16

Affects service to God Heb 12:28

Heb 13:9 ...*good thing that the heart be established with grace;*

It is possible:

Receive grace of God in vain 2 Cor 6:1

Frustrate (neutralize; set aside) the grace of God Gal 2:21

Fall from Grace Gal 5:4

Fail in God's Grace: Heb 12:15

How get it?

James 4:6 ... *giveth grace unto the humble.*

1 Pet 5:5-6 ... *Humble yourselves...*

How humble yourself?

1. Place self under authority. Eph 6:1 Gal.5:7 Titus 3:1

Heb. 13:17 1 Pet. 5:5

2. Admit faults and needs James 5:16 Rev. 3:17

3. Gain clear conscience/ask forgiveness Josh 7:19 Acts 24:16

1 Tim 1:5

4. Welcome criticism Rom 12:14 Prov 15:31 Prov 10:17 Prov 12:1

5. Praise competitors Mat 5:44

6. Kneel Psa 95:6

7. Deflect praise John 3:30

8. Serve others Phil 2:4 Matt. 20:27 Matt. 23:11 1 Cor. 9:19

9. Express gratefulness Psa 103:1-5 Prov 22:4

10. Die Rom. 6:11

And peace: Free from strife; Assuredness of spirit, quietness and tranquility of spirit ; unruffled in temperament; inner contentment

Direct result of grace...

Can't experience peace until the recipient of God's grace.

Comes as result of knowing Jesus Christ.

Psa 29:11 Psa 37:37 Prov 3:17 Isa 26:3 John 14:27 John 16:33 Rom 8:6 1

Cor 14:33 Gal 5:22

Important link--Jesus Christ !

.....from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

Only way experience real peace and grace--through Lord Jesus Christ.

Peace--byproduct of grace:

1. Humble yourself

2. Repent

3. God gives grace

4. Peace

Friends can not give you peace

Proud people do not experience grace.

Benefits to being a child of God vv 4-9

3 dimensions:

1. Past—at salvation
2. Present—given and experienced as live out Christian life.
3. Future—Heaven

Past—grace

Present—gifts

Future--guarantees

1 Corinthians 1:4

Grace given you—aorist tense. An action completed at particular definite point of time.

v.6...even as *testimony of Christ was confirmed in you.*

Why Paul thankful for grace given to Corinthians?

1 Corinthians 1:6

Confirmed: make firm, stable, ...*legally guaranteed security.*

Hodge: *The gospel was demonstrated by the Holy Spirit to be true, and was firmly settled in their conviction.*

Paul saying, *I am very grateful to God because He has given to you an internal desire and power to do His will. He, by the Holy Spirit, has given you the settled and firm conviction of faith.*

Born-again child of God already has a teacher inside Him.

1 John 2:19-20, 27 1 John 3:9-10

2nd Benefit to being child of God: Present—Gifts

1 Corinthians 1:5

By Him!

We have everything that Christ has to give

He gives us everything we need

2 Peter 1:2-4 Colossians 2:10 1 Corinthians 3:21

Before God saved you--spiritually poor...utterly destitute.

Now, in Christ--spiritually wealthy.

Enriched by Him: Made rich, wealthy by Him

In all utterance: Outward expression

In all knowledge: Inward understanding and conviction

Mac: *We have all the speech and knowledge necessary to accomplish all God wants us to do. We will always be able to say everything God wants us to say and to know everything He wants us to know. His will is concurrent with His enablement.*

So What?

What is Grace?

What is Peace?

Am I experiencing God's grace?

Am I experiencing God's peace?

Has the testimony of Christ been confirmed in me?

Am I enriched by Him in all utterance and in all knowledge?